

RE: Blockages at Canada/US border

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To: "Power, Mary-Liz" <mary-liz.power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Baril, Marie-Pier (ISED/ISDE)" <marie-pier.baril@ised-isde.gc.ca>
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Date: Wed, 02 Feb 2022 00:45:44 +0000

Have asked RCMP for updates, but there's a lag

-----Original Message-----

From: Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Baril, Marie-Pier (ISED/ISDE) <Marie-Pier.Baril@ised-isde.gc.ca>
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<https://twitter.com/rachelnotley/status/1488673529100963840?s=21>

Flagging this- PS can we get updates please?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:42 PM, Baril, Marie-Pier (ISED/ISDE) <Marie-Pier.Baril@ised-isde.gc.ca> wrote:

Also flagging that we are making a ZEVIP announcement tomorrow with SouthGrow and that the Coutts mayor is it's chair. We'll try to set up the call but keeping that in mind. We'll also try to post about it on social.

Envoyé de mon iPhone

Le 1 févr. 2022 à 19:18, Baril, Marie-Pier (ISED/ISDE) <Marie-Pier.Baril@ised-isde.gc.ca> a écrit :

We are looking into the call

-----Original Message-----

From: Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: February 1, 2022 7:13 PM
To: Hill, Miled <Miled.Hill@tc.gc.ca>

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Agree with Ayesha on a call to the Mayor!

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On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:12 PM, Hill, Miled <Miled.Hill@tc.gc.ca> wrote:

FYI Min Alghabra is speaking to 5/6 truckers this evening that passed through Coutts earlier today to thank them for their work. Organized through Chahal's.

Miled Hill

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C: Irrelevant

On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:06 PM, Baril, Marie-Pier (ISED/ISDE) <Marie-Pier.Baril@ised-isde.gc.ca> wrote:

Adding Alex Bernier.

We have received a media request from The Edmonton Journal, and we are planning to send a statement (will be able to share soon, just waiting a bit more approval).

Will pass the request along.

MPB

-----Original Message-----

From: Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>

Sent: February 1, 2022 7:05 PM

To: Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>

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It might be a good idea to have Min. Boissonnault call the local Mayor too. He was on cbc earlier speak about the disruption this has all caused.

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On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:03 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca> wrote:

Premier Kenney just spoke on this, and said his Ministers would be in touch with our boss to ask for expanded hours at other crossings (that's exactly what we're doing, as noted in the statement.)

Adding MP from Randy's office, as they've received media inquiries on this.

CBC has also asked for comment, here's what we're planning on sending in the next half hour or so:

We are closely monitoring the ongoing situation near the Coutts Border Crossing in Alberta. While the Port of Entry itself is unaffected, a key stretch of Alberta Highway 4 just north of the border has been blockaded. The Government of Alberta is primarily responsible for managing the situation, though the federal government is coordinating closely with them within our areas of responsibility. The Canada Border Services Agency has also expanded hours of service at the Carway and Del Bonita, AB crossings to help travelers and trade keep moving.

While we support peaceful protests, this illegal blockade poses serious risks. Local residents can't leave their town or be reached by emergency services, while hundreds of truckers are stuck in dangerous conditions, without access to food, water or restrooms. The Coutts-Sweetgrass Border Crossing is among the most important in Western Canada, and a massive amount of goods – including perishable food and live animals – are currently stuck on both sides of the border. The blockade also is causing serious issues for a wide array of other businesses across the West who rely on the crossing to get their goods to market.

The Alberta RCMP, as the local police of jurisdiction, are managing the situation. After repeated attempts to resolve the situation through discussions with the organizers, the RCMP has now begun to dismantle the blockade. The RCMP are best suited to speak to operational details.

From: Cohen, Alexander

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:01 PM

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Latest from RCMP (not for external use plz):

- The situation remains fluid and enforcement is ongoing.
- RCMP notes a reasonable amount of voluntary compliance.
- A number of farm vehicles and personal vehicles accessed the highway further up from the blockade to cut the highway off.
- RCMP is working on Provincial Ministerial Orders to shut the highway down 26 km north of blockade, south of Milk River, to control access to site.
- Media is on site.

From: Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 4:47 PM

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Thanks! Keep us posted on developments please.

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Adding Sam and Mike.

RCMP reports that enforcement is in progress. Some trucks are departing voluntarily. They note that there is a lag in relaying info to us as events are unfolding in real time (I've stressed that that's not good enough and we need more hard info.)

RCMP recently issued this statement:

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rcmp-grc.gc.ca%2Fen%2Fnews%2F2022%2FAlberta-rcmp-statement-coutts-border-assembly&data=04%7C01%7CMiled.Hill%40tc.gc.ca%7C279239cb484046e6138c08d9e5dfe9df%7C2008ffa9c9b24d979ad94ace25386be7%7C0%7C0%7C637793572133587663%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=nIXNkcsUSA94stdqwQfDTTzwDF5zmpHkFqEVhB60FSw%3D&reserved=0>

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I've haven't heard anything official, but have RCMP for more details ASAP.

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On Feb 1, 2022, at 3:23 PM, Hill, Miled <Miled.Hill@tc.gc.ca<mailto:Miled.Hill@tc.gc.ca>> wrote:
Hey all: any deets?

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fkieranleavitt%2Fstatus%2F1488605572660350978%3Fs%3D21&data=04%7C01%7CMiled.Hill%40tc.gc.ca%7C279239cb484046e6138c08d9e5dfe9df%7C2008ffa9c9b24d979ad94ace25386be7%7C0%7C0%7C637793572133587663%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IkhWwLJCjXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=acZ9d3KLcOtZMPvSSIN0Th6eaGsxZBxkUL6vFFMR3ow%3D&reserved=0>

Miled Hill

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C: Irrelevant

On Feb 1, 2022, at 2:48 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>> wrote:

Yup send them over!

On Feb 1, 2022, at 2:10 PM, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> wrote:

Alex,

MP Chahal got a media request as a follow up to the tweets. I'm going to ask his office to direct the journalist to you, good on your end?

Ayesha Chughtai (she/her/elle)

C: Personal Info.

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CBSA just informed us that they have an agreement with the Americans to expand the hours of three

other border crossings in the area so people can use them instead (note: they're not that close and will require significant detours) Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2022, at 12:25 PM, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> wrote:

Thanks Alana!

We think we have found a contact at the border – working with Transport and MP Chahal's office on what can be set up there.

Ayesha Chughtai (she/her/elle)

C: Irrelevant

From: Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>
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Thanks – adding Ayesha

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Hi colleagues,

Starting a chain here to provide updates.

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